

The Senator from Kentucky.

Mr. PAUL. Mr. President, I also ask unanimous consent that the rest of the votes for this evening be 10-minute votes.

Mr. SCHUMER. Once again, I support my colleague, the junior Senator from the great Commonwealth of Kentucky.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, this week, the Senate continues the important work of confirming highly qualified, diverse nominees to the Federal Judiciary. Working closely with Senate Democrats, the Biden administration has prioritized the selection of judicial nominees who are faithful to the rule of law, who are evenhanded and impartial, and who understand the critical distinction between being an advocate and being a judge. And together, we are building a Federal judiciary that is more representative of the Nation as a whole, both in terms of demographic and professional diversity. The five nominees under consideration by the Senate this week are no exception, and I want to speak briefly on each of them.

Yesterday, the Senate confirmed Judge Stephanie Davis to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Since 2019, Judge Davis has served as a U.S. District Court Judge in the Eastern District of Michigan. She was nominated for the District Court by President Trump. And she was voted out of the Judiciary Committee by voice vote and confirmed by voice vote as well.

Prior to serving on the District Court, Judge Davis served as a U.S. magistrate judge for approximately 3 years, also in the Eastern District of Michigan. In total, Judge Davis has served as a Federal judge for more than 6 years. Before assuming the bench, Judge Davis was an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Michigan for nearly two decades. During her last 5 years in the U.S. Attorney's Office, she served as the Executive Assistant U.S. Attorney. She also spent 3 years as the deputy chief of the Controlled Substances Unit. While serving as a Federal prosecutor, Judge Davis prosecuted elder fraud cases, served on a committee that addressed a backlog of untested rape kits, and led one of the earliest prosecutions combating the opioid epidemic in the Eastern District of Michigan. Judge Davis also spent 5 years in private practice. During this time, she volunteered with the Women's Justice Center, helping victims of domestic violence obtain personal protection orders.

Born in Kansas City, MO, Judge Davis earned her college degree from Wichita State University and her law degree from Washington University School of Law.

Judge Davis has been unanimously rated "Well Qualified" for the Sixth Circuit by the American Bar Association,

and she has the strong support of her two home State Senators, Ms. STABENOW and Mr. PETERS.

Once sworn in, Judge Davis will be the first Black woman from Michigan to serve on the Sixth Circuit—and only the second ever Black woman to serve on the court.

With Judge Davis's extensive experience as a judge, a prosecutor, and a litigator in private practice, as well as her decades-long commitment to public service, she is clearly well qualified to serve on the Sixth Circuit.

This morning, the Senate also confirmed the nomination of Evelyn Padin to the District of New Jersey. A native of New Jersey, Ms. Padin received her B.A. from Rutgers University, her M.S.W. from Fordham University Graduate School of Social Services, her certificate in European legal studies from Tulane University, and her J.D. from Seton Hall Law School. Since graduating from law school, Ms. Padin has spent nearly three decades practicing law.

In 1995, Ms. Padin opened her own law firm, and she has appeared regularly in both State and Federal courts ever since. She has tried approximately 10 jury trials to verdict, judgment, or final decision. In addition to her lengthy career as a litigator, Ms. Padin also has judicial experience, having served as a municipal court judge for the Jersey City Municipal Court. In this role, she presided over nearly 3,000 cases—all bench trials—that went to verdict or judgment, primarily involving minor criminal-type offenses, traffic violations, and municipal ordinance offenses.

Outside the courtroom, Ms. Padin has been active in the legal community. She was the first Latina to serve as the president of the New Jersey State Bar Association. In that role, she worked to improve access to justice in New Jersey, including by starting legal clinics to serve the economically disadvantaged.

Ms. Padin received a "Qualified" rating from the American Bar Association and has the strong support of her home State Senators, Mr. MENENDEZ and Mr. BOOKER. Ms. Padin's years of experience with New Jersey's legal system, coupled with her broad legal expertise, make her well-suited to serve on the Federal bench.

And the Senate also confirmed the nomination of Charlotte Sweeney to the District of Colorado. Ms. Sweeney is a trial litigator who has spent over 26 years defending the employment rights of Americans who have faced discrimination or harassment—based on their race, national origin, gender, age, or disability—in the workplace. Practicing primarily in Federal court, she has tried more than 20 cases to verdict or judgment.

Through her work, Ms. Sweeney has earned a reputation for integrity and fairmindedness, both from her peers and from those before whom she has practiced. Twenty-six attorneys who

regularly work as opposing counsel to Ms. Sweeney have offered their "strong support" of her nomination, writing that she "will be an impartial, prepared, and reasoned jurist." Similarly, 17 former judges and employment lawyers who have acted as settlement or arbitration proceeding neutrals have also endorsed her nomination. Based on Ms. Sweeney's advocacy before them, they believe she "will make an exceptional district court judge."

With so much support from the Colorado legal community and as a Colorado native herself, it is no surprise that Ms. Sweeney has the strong support of her home State Senators, Mr. BENNET and Mr. HICKENLOOPER, or that she was rated "Well Qualified" by the American Bar Association.

Additionally, Ms. Sweeney will advance President Biden's commitment to ensuring the Federal judiciary reflects the country it serves. She will be the first openly LGBTQ article III judge in Colorado and the first openly LGBTQ woman to serve as a Federal district court judge in any State west of the Mississippi.

The Senate is also considering Nina Morrison, nominated to the Eastern District of New York. Ms. Morrison attended Yale College and New York University Law School before clerking for Judge Pierre N. Leval on the Second Circuit Court of Appeals. She then worked in private practice and at the American Civil Liberties Union before joining the Innocence Project.

Ms. Morrison is now one of the most senior attorneys at the Innocence Project, where she works to exonerate wrongfully imprisoned individuals by petitioning for access to DNA evidence and other post-conviction relief. Thanks to Ms. Morrison's efforts, nearly 30 wrongfully convicted individuals in more than 10 States have been freed from prison or death row. In addition, her work has helped to correctly identify the perpetrators of violent crimes, delivering justice to both their victims and to those who have been wrongfully imprisoned.

Ms. Morrison is a seasoned litigator who has practiced in State and Federal courts all across the country. The American Bar Association unanimously rated her "Well Qualified" to serve as a district judge, and she has the strong support of both of her home State Senators, Mr. SCHUMER and Mrs. GILLIBRAND.

Ms. Morrison has dedicated her career to ensuring that our justice system lives up to America's ideals. Her dedication, breadth of experience, and unique perspective will make her an asset to the Eastern District of New York.

Finally, the Senate will consider Robert Huie, nominated to the Southern District of California. Mr. Huie is an accomplished litigator who previously served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the district to which he has been nominated. Notably, he was counsel of

record in more than 600 district court cases and was lead appellate counsel in approximately two dozen appeals.

After leaving the U.S. Attorney's Office, Mr. Huie went into private practice, where he is currently Of Counsel in the San Diego office of Jones Day and a leader in the firm's Investigations and White Collar Defense Practice. He is also the San Diego office's pro bono coordinator and chair of the diversity and inclusion committee. A graduate of Yale Law School and a lawyer with extensive criminal and civil experience, Huie is well-positioned to join the Federal bench. He has tried 22 cases—both jury and nonjury—to verdict, judgment, or final decision.

Mr. Huie has the strong support of Senators Feinstein and Padilla, and he was rated unanimously "Well Qualified" by the American Bar Association. His legal work both in and out of the courtroom, coupled with his decades-long career serving the Southern District of California, make him an outstanding nominee.

I am pleased that three of these nominees received bipartisan confirmation votes and another nominee has already received a bipartisan cloture vote. And I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting those nominations that have not yet come up for a vote.

With their records, experience, and evenhanded approach, all of these nominees will be ready on day one to serve this Nation as Federal judges.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 669, Amy Loyd, of New Mexico, to be Assistant Secretary for Career, Technical, and Adult Education, Department of Education.

Charles E. Schumer, Jacky Rosen, Cory A. Booker, Elizabeth Warren, Benjamin L. Cardin, Patty Murray, Brian Schatz, Robert P. Casey, Jr., Margaret Wood Hassan, Alex Padilla, Amy Klobuchar, Tina Smith, Jeff Merkley, Jack Reed, Angus S. King, Jr., Chris Van Hollen, John W. Hickenlooper.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of Amy Loyd, of New Mexico, to be Assistant Secretary for Career, Technical, and Adult Education, Department of Education, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY), and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ), and the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI).

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 54, nays 40, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 208 Ex.]

YEAS—54

Baldwin	Heinrich	Reed
Bennet	Hickenlooper	Rosen
Blumenthal	Hirono	Rounds
Booker	Kaine	Sanders
Brown	Kelly	Sasse
Cantwell	King	Schatz
Capito	Klobuchar	Schumer
Cardin	Leahy	Shaheen
Carper	Lujan	Sinema
Casey	Manchin	Smith
Collins	Markey	Stabenow
Coons	Menendez	Tester
Cortez Masto	Murphy	Warner
Duckworth	Murray	Warnock
Durbin	Ossoff	Warren
Feinstein	Padilla	Whitehouse
Gillibrand	Peters	Wyden
Hassan	Portman	Young

NAYS—40

Barrasso	Hagerty	Risch
Blackburn	Hawley	Romney
Boozman	Hoeven	Rubio
Braun	Hyde-Smith	Scott (FL)
Burr	Inhofe	Scott (SC)
Cassidy	Johnson	Shelby
Cotton	Kennedy	Sullivan
Cramer	Lankford	Thune
Crapo	Lee	Tillis
Daines	Lummis	Toomey
Ernst	Marshall	Tuberville
Fischer	McConnell	Wicker
Graham	Moran	
Grassley	Paul	

NOT VOTING—6

Blunt	Cruz	Murkowski
Cornyn	Merkley	Van Hollen

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PETERS). On this vote, the yeas are 54, the nays are 40.

The motion is agreed to.

The majority leader.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, there has been a good agreement—Senator PAUL, Senator STABENOW, myself, Senator MURPHY, Senator BROWN—and so here is what—we are only going to have one more vote because we are violating—I think it is six cloture votes.

So listen, one and all. It is good news.

CLOTURE MOTIONS WITHDRAWN

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to withdraw the cloture motion on the Harper, Bagenstos, Huie, Baker, and Hartley nominations, and the Senate vote on confirmation at a time to be determined by the majority leader or his designee, following consultation with the Republican leader.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT THE PRESIDENT SHOULD WORK WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM TO CONCLUDE NEGOTIATIONS FOR A COMPREHENSIVE FREE TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED KINGDOM

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, as if in legislative session, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be discharged from further consideration and the Senate proceed to S. Res. 134.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 134) expressing the sense of the Senate that the President should work with the Government of the United Kingdom to conclude negotiations for a comprehensive free trade agreement between the United States and the United Kingdom.

There being no objection, the committee was discharged, and the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Lee substitute amendment to the resolution be considered and agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 5045), in the nature of a substitute, was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: In the nature of a substitute)

Strike all after the resolving clause and insert the following: "That it is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) the United States should strengthen its close and mutually beneficial trading and economic partnership with the United Kingdom that takes into account, as relevant, conditions requiring that obligations under the Good Friday Agreement be met;

(2) the United States should strengthen its close and mutually beneficial trading and economic partnership with the European Union by working to conclude negotiations for a comprehensive trade agreement;

(3) the President, in consultation with Congress, should work to conclude negotiations for such comprehensive trade agreements contingent upon an agreement between the European Union and the United Kingdom that fully protects and preserves the Good Friday Agreement consistent with the sentiments expressed by the Senate in S. Res. 117 (117th Congress); and

(4) the President, in consultation with Congress, should strive to reach mutually advantageous resolutions of commercial disagreements between the United States and the United Kingdom, including ending the Digital Services Tax on United States businesses and ensuring a satisfactory final resolution to the World Trade Organization large civil aircraft dispute.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I know of no further debate on the resolution, as amended.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there further debate on the resolution?

Hearing none, the question is on adoption of the resolution, as amended.

The resolution (S. Res. 134), as amended, was agreed to.